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LIQUID SAMPLE USING NEAR INFRARED
SPECTROSCOPY**

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In response to the final Office Action, dated November 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18-19 as provided on the following pages. Marked-up copies of the amended claims are included herewith, as well as clean amended copies.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment Claims 1-19 remain in the application, of which Claims 1 and 5 are independent.

In the above amendments, claims 18-19 are amended to be consistent with the application disclosure, including the discussion at the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 of the specification. Particularly, these claims now define that *an optical path length for the near infrared light* in the short wavelength range is 1-2 cm.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure, including the discussion at the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 of the specification, and that no new matter is introduced thereby. Also, applicant respectfully



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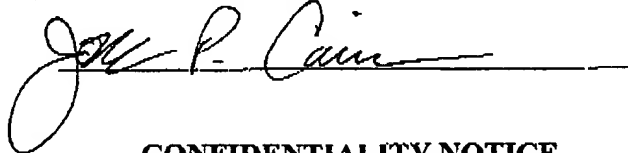
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